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After you set up iCloud for Windows, you can turn on iCloud Drive to view files stored in iCloud on your Windows computer. Before getting started, find out which version of iCloud for Windows you have.

For an overview of iCloud Drive, see Keep your files up to date and share them with iCloud Drive in the iCloud User Guide.

Set up iCloud Drive

- 1. On your Windows computer, open iCloud for Windows.
- 2. Select iCloud Drive, then click Apply.

Files under 1 MB are downloaded automatically. You can open and view downloaded files directly on your computer.

Note: If you are using iCloud for Windows version 7, the entire contents of iCloud Drive are downloaded automatically.

Change where your files and folders are stored

Your files and folders are stored in C:\Users\[username]\iCloud Drive by default. If you have iCloud for Windows 14, you can choose a different location.

- 1. On your Windows computer, open iCloud for Windows.
- 2. If iCloud Drive is enabled, deselect it, then click Apply.
- 3. Click the Options button next to iCloud Drive, then click Change.
- 4. Choose a different disk drive that is formatted as NTFS, click OK, then click OK again.
- 5. Click Apply.

To get started with iCloud Drive on your Windows computer, learn how to view, add or remove files and how to share files and folders.

You can also use iCloud Drive on your Apple devices and on iCloud.com. See Set up iCloud Drive on all your devices in the iCloud User Guide.

See also

Apple Support article: System requirements for iCloud

